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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

- AA U. S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0042845
- AL German OS 199 22 793
- AU "Bildgebende Systeme für die Medizinische Diagnostik," Morneburg (1995) pages 684-696
- AV "Mastering Regular Expressions: Power Techniques for Perl and Other Tools, Friedl (1997).

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AU was identified and discussed at page 1 of the present specification, and Reference AV is identified and discussed at page 6 of the present specification. Applicant stands by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of these references. A translation of Reference AU is not readily available to the Applicant, however, the aforementioned statements in the specification constitute a summary of its teachings.

The German counterpart to Reference AA, together with Reference AL, were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the counterpart German application. Reference AL corresponds to pending United States Application Serial No. 09/573,608, filed May 18, 2000, and currently under examination in Group Art Unit 3626. Applicant assumes the Examiner has access to a copy of this copending application, and therefore has not burdened the present file with a duplicate copy. If the Examiner would prefer that a copy of this pending application be provided, the Examiner is requested to notify the undersigned counsel for the Applicant and a copy will be submitted. The copy of Reference AL submitted herewith has a copy of the Abstract from the copending application. The copending application and the present application are assigned to the same assignee, Siemens Aktiengesellschaft.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	AT	"Bildgebende Systeme für die Medizinische Diagnostik," Morneburg (1995) pages 684-696
	AU	"Mastering Regular Expressions: Power Techniques for Perl and Other Tools, Friedl (1997).
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